

## TAFT ITCHES TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE CAPITOL

Says So Himself, but Is Beginning to Realize the Limitations on the President.

### START BUNCOMBE CLUB.

Roosevelt Suggests It as Successor to the Ananias Fraternity.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—President-elect Taft said today that the first official announcement of the make-up of his Cabinet will be made March 5 when he sends the names of the men he has selected to the Senate for confirmation. Changes in the diplomatic corps, Mr. Taft says, will be considered for some time to come. It is possible that several important places in the Federal service may be filled and the nominations go to the Senate with the Cabinet. It has been predicted that William Loch Jr., secretary to President Roosevelt, will be one of the first appointments of Mr. Taft.

A conference with Senator Knox was had by Mr. Taft today, during which the latter said many matters of importance were considered, but all of them were naturally of such a nature or in such an unfinished state, that their discussion for publication was precluded.

Senator Scott, of West Virginia, who is to be toastmaster at the Philippine party dinner here tonight, saw Mr. Taft today and discussed the program. Mr. Taft expressed his intention after dinner speech. Senator Chamberlain, of South Dakota, and Representative Brownlow, of Tennessee, also were callers on Mr. Taft.

Asked what his programme for the day was Mr. Taft laughingly replied that if the demand upon his time by callers was not too heavy, he would take a long walk, and then added that he should like very much to go straight to the Capitol—that he "just had an itching" in that direction. He explained that he should enjoy a visit on the floor of the Senate and House of Representatives because there were many men there he wanted to see and have chats with. That he had no intention of doing so was made clear by the statement that while he was not President he was beginning to realize several of the limitations of that office.

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Arrangements are being made by Mr. Taft for a tea to be held at the White House on March 5 in honor of the eighty members of the Yale class of 1887.

Mr. Taft is a member of this class and feels very much gratified that eighty of its ninety-six members now living are to be here. The members of the class will be given a dinner during their stay in the city.

TAFT'S AGED AUNT WILL ATTEND INAUGURATION.

MILLBURY, Mass., March 1.—Miss Della C. Torrey, a fifth town, the venerable aunt of President-elect William H. Taft, will attend the inauguration exercises at Washington on Thursday as a member of Mr. Taft's family. Miss Torrey is a sister of Mr. Taft's mother, and it was at Miss Torrey's home that the elder Mrs. Taft died about a year ago. Miss Torrey will leave for Washington tomorrow.

WATCHORN CLEARED AND HIS NOMINATION SENT IN.

Straus Dismisses Charges Against Immigration Commissioner and Roosevelt Names Him.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Secretary Straus, after conferring with President Roosevelt today, announced that all charges against Robert Watchorn, Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island, New York, had been dismissed, after careful investigation, and that the President would send to the Senate the nomination of Mr. Watchorn for another term as Commissioner.

Later in the day the President sent Mr. Watchorn's nomination to the Senate. He also sent in the nomination of William W. Handley of New York, to be Consul-General at Lima, Congo Free State.

LEATHER MERGER HALTED BY HIGHER JERSEY COURT.

TRENTON, March 1.—The Court of Errors and Appeals today reversed the decision of the Court of Chancery in the case of James C. Colgate and others against the United States Leather Company and the Central Leather Company. The decision of the lower court permitted these companies to consolidate.

The Central Leather Company was organized to acquire the stock of the United States Leather Company, of which it owned a major part. Colgate was the holder of 25 shares of the stock of the United States Company. No opinion has yet been filed in today's decision.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. W. G. W. signature is on each box. 25c.

## WASHINGTON IS THROGGLED FOR INAUGURATION

Thousands in Capital, and Every Train Adds to Throng That Will Break Records.

### PRECEDENTS WILL GO.

Taft and Roosevelt Lead in Departing From Customs of Many Years.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Preparations for the induction of William Howard Taft into the Presidency are complete and the various committees make the prophecy that the ceremonies of the day will be the most brilliant and picturesque of any previous inaugural event.

Prediction is made also that the crowd of visitors who will come from every nook and corner of the United States will be a record-breaker.

The work on the great court of honor, one of the most beautiful features of the inauguration, received its finishing touches today, and this focal point of the national function produces a color and decorative scheme which is said to eclipse all previous efforts in this direction.

The task of getting the Pension Office in readiness for the inaugural ball will be finished tomorrow. The beauty which will attend this brilliant social event will be unsurpassed, the committee having spent \$20,000 for decorations alone.

Will Break Precedents. A number of precedents will be broken at this inauguration, notable among them that of President Roosevelt driving direct to the railroad station from the Capitol after the inaugural address of President Taft. Another will be the taking of the oath of office by President Taft on the century old able of the Supreme Court of the United States.

There is a touch of sentiment in a decision which Mr. Taft announced. It was the statement that had he become a member of the Supreme Court his oath would have been taken on the same book. It has been the custom of past Presidents to use a new or a historical Bible in taking the oath of office, and each has retained the book thereafter. Mr. Taft will make no claim on the Bible of his choice, and it will go back to the archives of the ancient court.

Senator Knox, the chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inauguration, and Senator Lodge will go direct to the White House Thursday morning to wait on the President and the President-elect. Senator Bacon and Representative Burke, of Pennsylvania, will escort the Vice-President to the White House. Senator Frye, President pro tem of the Senate, Representative Gaines, of Tennessee, will call for Mr. Sherman and escort him to the White House.

President Roosevelt, Mr. Taft, Mr. Knox and Mr. Lodge will ride in the first carriage when the procession to the Capitol is formed. The start will be made at near 9 o'clock as possible. In the second carriage will be Vice-President Fairbanks, Senator Bacon and Representative Burke. In the third carriage will be Vice-President-elect Sherman, Senator Frye, President pro tem of the Senate, Representative Gaines, of Tennessee, will call for Mr. Sherman and escort him to the White House.

No Free List. The inaugural committee, through the State Department, has sent invitations to the members of the Diplomatic Corps. Thus a serious embarrassment has been avoided. It was an oversight, it is explained, that the invitations did not go sooner. The tickets to the ball are \$5 each. Outside of the prominent invited guests and the leading diplomats there is not a free list.

Small fortunes are being asked by Washington hotel managers for rooms facing on Pennsylvania avenue, along which the inaugural parade will pass. Every stone dwelling and hotel has disposed of front rooms and windows, and the prices obtained for these desirable positions are spoken of in whispers.

Gift to Mrs. Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt is to receive a magnificent gift in the form of a diamond necklace of other jewels from society women of Washington before her departure from the capital on Thursday. The names of the donors and the exact form of the testimonial are withheld for the present. A committee of Washington society folks are now said to be in New York in search of a gift for Mrs. Roosevelt to take away with her as a reminder that her ladyship has been highly appreciated by the women of this city who have been closely associated in social ways during the last seven years. The presentation, it is understood, will be made at the White House on Thursday.

Mrs. Roosevelt starts for Oyster Bay.

Patrick Halts Liberty Fight in Fear of Chair.

PROTEST RENAMING SEVENTH AVENUE.

Business Men Object to Have Street Called "Jefferson Parkway."

UPPER SEVENTH AVENUE WILL NOT BE RECHRISTENED JEFFERSON PARKWAY WITHOUT A STRUGGLE.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN PATRIOTICALLY RENAMED THE AVENUE RECENTLY, BUT AN OUTBURST OF DISAPPROVAL HAS ARISEN.

PROPERTY OWNERS DECLARE, AMONG OTHER OBJECTIONS, THAT RENAMING THE AVENUE WILL NECESSITATE REMEMBERING HOUSES AND CHANGING THE TITLE OF EVERY PIECE OF PROPERTY ALONG THE SECTION AFFECTED.

WEST ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH STREET TO HARLEM RIVER.

Business men also object. One man has thousands of bottles in his cellar which have the old name blown in them. Another has his wagons and advertising cards bearing the old avenue name.

Mrs. John Crosey and others of the Women's Democratic Club, are enthusiastic over the proposed change. To straighten out the controversy which has developed, Mayor McCellan gave a public hearing today on the measure adopted by the Aldermen.

Mrs. Crosey and other prominent women were present, as were L. J. Callahan, John Crosey, Alderman Schloss, Alderman Mulachy and G. P. H. McVey, of the Finance Department. Mr. McVey said that for thirty years an agitation has been afoot to rename upper Seventh avenue. He added that at times it has been suggested to name the thoroughfare Grant, Schley, McCellan, Roosevelt or Sherman avenue, but a hitch has always occurred.

John Crosey, on behalf of the Women's Democratic Club, also spoke in favor of the retention of the name of Jefferson. President Miller, of the Retail Grocers Association, Alderman Davis, Alderman Schloss, Edward J. Murray, of the Harlem Property Owners Association, and others, spoke against rechristening the thoroughfare. They declared that business already established will suffer if the avenue is renamed.

Patrick's Protest. He put his protest on the ground that he was either innocent or guilty; if guilty, he should be put to death; if

## Slayer of Millionaire Rice as He Appears in Court To-Day.

(Especially photographed for The Evening World by a Staff Photographer)



PATRICKS ARRIVAL.

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rest of his life in prison, the prospect of going back to the death house has made him pause. In my opinion he will modify his application and try some new tack when it comes up on Friday.

Patrick appears to be in very good physical health. He is fat and almost ruddy. The prison pailor has been discounted by exercise at hard labor in the open air of the prison yard around the saw-mill and cabinet shop. He has taken on considerable flesh, and the absence of beard and mustache which he wore during his trial and while in the death-house has made a pronounced change in his appearance.

Arriving at 11:30, handcuffed unobtrusively to State Detective Jackson, Patrick was hurried to the subway and rushed aboard a crowded Brooklyn express. He permitted himself to crack a grim joke on the way to Brooklyn. "I've been sent up rich," he remarked, "but this is the first time I ever went under the river."

Wife Meets Him. His wife and his counsel were waiting for him at the County Court House. Mr. Patrick sat by his side at the counsel table in the Appellate Division courtroom until the case was called. Then the Assistant District-Attorney moved that the writ of habeas corpus be dismissed.

"In his application for the writ and his motion," said the Assistant District-Attorney, "the relation has not set forth the facts. He has builded his argument from a false premise. His contention is against the established law."

Quoting liberally from authorities Mr. Taylor contended that Patrick had no legal right to ask that the act of the Governor in commuting a death sentence should be set aside. He held that the Governor's act in this instance was final and not subject to review.

While Mr. Taylor was talking Patrick became so nervous he could scarcely control himself. He was on his feet as soon as the District-Attorney's motion had been overruled and asked in a voice that shook with excitement:

"Does counsel contend that the facts in my motion are untrue?"

"I have nothing to say as to that," answered Mr. Taylor, "at this time."

"Does counsel admit that the facts are true as stated?" asked Patrick.

"I have nothing to say as to that," responded the District-Attorney.

"Will counsel admit," persisted Patrick, "that the allegations in my motion are well pleaded?"

Patrick Asks Delay. Here Justice Jenks took a hand. He advised Patrick to study the return to the writ and fortify himself as to points in which he appeared to be hazy. After looking over the return Patrick upon consultation with counsel, asked for an adjournment.

At the time his sentence was commuted Patrick had been for five years or more an inmate of the Sing Sing death house. While his wife, his friends and counsel in his employ had worked unceasingly upon Gov. Higgins to secure a commutation of the sentence of death to one of life imprisonment, Patrick, at the last moment, insisted through the press, a formal protest against the proposed action.

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Innocent, he should be released. Despite his protest Gov. Higgins set aside the sentence of death and decreed that Patrick should spend the rest of his life behind prison walls.

Patrick was removed from his comfortable cell in the death-house, where he had nothing to do but sleep and eat and contrive plans for gaining freedom, to the prison proper and assigned to toil in the lumber yard. Never before in his life had Patrick done manual labor, and his protests were loud but unavailing.

Of no mean legal ability when he was sentenced to death, Patrick has since, by study, polished an acute mind to remarkable proficiency in picking out angles of the law. He personally prepared the papers upon which Justice Gwyn granted, a few days ago, a writ of habeas corpus calling for the appearance of the relation in court.

The petition is long and involved, but the nubbin of it is this: That the courts of this State have no legal right to sentence a man to life imprisonment upon conviction for first degree murder, and that the Governor has a right to grant a pardon to one so convicted. But the Governor has no right to commute a death sentence for first degree murder to life imprisonment because such commutation amounts to a new sentence, and the Governor, by inflicting it, usurps the legislative powers of the State and violates the constitutional rights of the prisoner.

Location of Bureaus. The disbursing bureaus where claims may be filed for excess charges and where persons may obtain information are located at the following places in Manhattan and the Bronx:

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So, while I greet you for yourselves, I greet you as a symbolizing of others, and in saying farewell to you I shall take as symbolizing all of you, one who leaves public life as I do, a man who made a real personal sacrifice when seven years ago he came here to take office at my request, a man who has and ever since the type of what a good public servant should be: a man who for the last two years has been one of the most useful "cabinet" Ministers who ever sat at the cabinet table—Jim Garfield.

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## TAFT TRUST PAYS \$12,000,000 FUND

Consumers Throng Disbursing Bureaus, Where Claims Are Promptly Met.

### EXTRA FORCE IS BUSY.

East Siders Swarm at Office on Chrystie Street in a Steady Stream.

Gas consumers in Manhattan and the Bronx entitled to a share in the \$12,000,000 rebate fund began to receive checks at the disbursing bureaus this morning for the excess collected by the companies. Only applications from current consumers of record were acted upon today. It is said that before the immense rebate fund has been distributed more than 2,700,000 checks will have been drawn by the gas companies in favor of consumers.

At all the disbursing bureaus an extra force was on hand to receive applications. The companies do not favor applications in person, but prefer that consumers send in their claims by mail. At each of the bureaus blanks for this purpose are provided. The companies have engaged nearly 1,000 extra clerks to receive and check the applications.

East Siders Swarm for Rebates. At Nos. 104 and 106 Chrystie street, the offices of the Consolidated Gas Company, which is the disbursing bureau for a great part of the lower east side, there was a steady stream of applicants for rebates from the time the office opened, at 9 o'clock. At no time, however, was the crowd so big that the extra clerical force could not handle it without difficulty. Current consumers of record were given checks which were cashed at the company's office, No. 127 Hester street.

At the Central Union Gas Company's offices, No. 350 Alexander avenue, Bronx, F. A. Hooker, the auditor in charge of disbursements, said hundreds of applications had been received in the morning mail, but there had been comparatively few applications in person. At the Northern Union Gas Company, No. 135 Webster avenue, A. C. Lord, the auditor in charge, had practically no business.

Blanks are provided for consumers at the disbursing bureaus, which are really information blanks to the companies. The blanks are for use of six machines which have paid the 20-cent excess. One of the blanks is for consumers who have all their receipts and does not require the signature of a notary.

Another is for consumers who have lost their receipts, but who have known receipts. Another is for persons who have lost their receipts and do not know the date of their last receipt. The two latter classes of blanks must be attested before a notary.

There is a blank form provided for the consumer who has moved to another address, or has moved several times in the same district.

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